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SUBJECT: San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership Update

BACKGROUND:

In April 2006, the Regional Council authorized SCAG's Executive Director to enter into a partnership with Southern California Edison (SCE) to incentivize energy efficiency programs in the San Gabriel Valley Subregion. The partnership program agreement was fully executed on October 20, 2006 and the program will run through 2008. The main goal of the San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Program (SGVEWP) is to save a combined 3,000,000 kWh by providing technical assistance and incentive packages to cities. The program is funded by California utility customers and administered by SCE under the auspices of the California Public Utilities Commission.

The Energy and Environment Committee requested updates on the partnership. This presentation is intended to provide a summary of energy savings, events and participation. Here are some highlights:

- March 22, 2007: The partnership held a kick-off workshop for city officials, city managers, and public works directors at Southern California Edison's Customer Technology Application Center. Approximately 50 people learned about the latest energy efficiency technologies and how their cities can benefit from them. Honorable Margaret Clark, EEC's Vice-Chair, presented information on the importance of energy efficiency. SCAG was also represented by Honorable Barbara Messina (City of Alhambra) and Honorable Carol Herrera (City of Diamond Bar), President of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments.
- May 21, 2007: The partnership held a workshop for city facility personnel on advanced methods of saving energy in city buildings.
- June 20, 2007: The partnership held a workshop for city managers' assistants on energy efficiency.
- August 29, 2007: The partnership held a workshop for local businesses on energy efficiency incentive packages available.
- On September 5, 2007, the City of South Pasadena adopted a resolution promoting energy efficiency and conservation, which acknowledges the city's dedication to energy efficiency and commitment to complete retrofit projects uncovered with the help of the partnership. The resolution also expresses the city's desire to participate as a model city for the San Gabriel Valley.
- All eligible cities in the San Gabriel Valley Subregion have been contacted about potential participation. Approximately 10 cities are actively pursuing energy efficiency projects.

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- Over 75% of the energy savings are already accounted for through city efficiency projects. These energy projects will save cities a combined \$380,000 on their electric bills.
- The partnership has coordinated with the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments to conduct outreach and garner support.
- Two cities have taken steps to become “model cities” for energy efficiency: South Pasadena and Monrovia. Model cities will work with the partnership to explore energy saving opportunities and incentives offered by the partnership. SCAG’s Regional Comprehensive Plan may provide guidance for model cities.
- Monrovia is retrofitting HVAC systems in their city hall, police department and museum as well as replacing street lights.


Next Steps:

- Additional energy efficiency workshops will be scheduled in the future
- SCAG staff will participate in the partnership through 2008 and can provide regular updates to the EEC
- SCAG will coordinate with SCE and the California Public Utilities Commission to explore potential energy efficiency opportunities in additional subregions

FISCAL IMPACT:

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